Inquiry reports of accidents and bomb explosion in Shramjeevi Express

1301. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether reports of inquiries conducted into the accident of 12 May, 2002 in the Patna-bound Shramjeevi Express near Jaunpur (UP) and of the bomb explosion on 28 July, 2005 on the same train and also in jaunpur, have been received by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for not making these reports public yet;

(d) the action taken, if any, based on the findings of the respective inquiry committees; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. Commissioner of Railway Safety/Northern Circle has concluded in his inquiry reports that derailment of 2402 Shramjeevi Express on 12.05.02 occurred due to opening out of fish plated joint of right side rail and removal of many steel keys from the rail sleeper connection in continuation for about a rail length around this joint by some unknown persons(s); and that explosion in Coach of 2391 Shramjeevi Express on 28.07.05 was caused due to explosion of a mixture of high explosive RDX, Aluminium Nitrate and fuel oil with a timer, suspected to be kept in a suitcase under Seat No. 85 in the coach.

(c) As per the Statutory Investigation under Railway Accidents rules, 1998, Ministry of Civil Aviation decides on the publication of the reports of accidents inquired into by the Commissioners of Railway Safety. Relevant details of Final Inquiry Report into the accident on 12.05.2002 has been published in the periodical 'Railway Accident Inquiry Reports' of July, 2005. The final inquiry report into the accident on 28.07.2005 has also been submitted and is being processed.

(d) and (e) Appropriate steps to emphasise on surveillance of Railway system have been taken.